

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 691

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Ted Anderson of Memphis on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as legends in the annals of high school athletics in Tennessee and as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is legendary basketball coach Ted Anderson of Memphis, who has enjoyed a storied four-decade-long career that will now come to an end with his recently announced plans to retire; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional gentleman, Coach Ted Anderson won the admiration of his peers in the coaching ranks and the respect of his players as he taught the game of basketball while molding generations of young men into leaders both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, prowling the sidelines for thirty-eight years, Coach Anderson amassed 518 victories and a 1991 state championship, during his inviable coaching career, while guiding scores of players, many of whom earned athletic scholarships to play for NCAA Division I programs across the nation; and

WHEREAS, a standout player at Hamilton High School as a young man, Coach Anderson was greatly influenced by his coach, Lloyd Williams, who taught him "most of what I know about life and everything I know about basketball"; and

WHEREAS, returning to his alma mater, Coach Ted Anderson enjoyed twenty-eight seasons with the Hamilton Big Blue as he coached a number of the finest basketball players to come through Memphis, including his son, Todd Day, a former NBA star and the all-time leading scorer at the University of Arkansas, who is currently the head coach at Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, committed to building a program that produced leaders and dedicated to making sure his players were prepared to compete academically as well as physically, Coach Anderson is especially proud of the fact that for twelve straight years his team captains were also president of their senior class; and

WHEREAS, after leaving Hamilton High School, Coach Ted Anderson taught at Ridgeway Middle School for a time before returning to coaching to take over the Douglass High School program when the school reopened in 2008; and

WHEREAS, expecting to stay for just two or three years, Coach Anderson has served as both coach and athletic director at Douglass since his arrival, building the program from the ground up; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Coach Ted Anderson has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and his players; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Ted Anderson of Memphis on his legendary coaching career and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.